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GIBRALTAR, SOUTHAMPTON, Capt. H. Förmes.....} Noon, 3rd June.
ANTWERP and BREMEN.....}SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE {"KLEIST".....} About WEDNESDAY,
and YOKOHAMA.....} Capt. R. Meyer.....} 3rd June.

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Hongkong, 20th May, 1908.

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SHANGHAI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA.....POLYNESIAN.....Broc.....8th June, P.M.
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Hongkong, 21st March, 1908.

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Hongkong, 22nd October, 1907.

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THE FLOUR INDUSTRY IN JAPAN.

GREAT INCREASE OF PRODUCTION.

Amongst the various new undertakings started subsequent to the late war was that of flour milling. Some of the flour mills promoted have ceased to exist, having been swept away by the financial crash that followed. Many have, however, survived the trial, and these are now in working order. Those situated in the Kansai district are the Masuda Seifun, the Nippon Seimai, the Asahi Seifun, and the branch mills of the Nippon Seifun; while those in the Kwanto district include the Teikoku Seifun, the To-a Seifun, the Nishin Seifun, and the Meiji Seifun (incorporated with the Nippon Seifun). All these companies, with a single exception, have been started since the war. Prior to this the production of flour in Japan was very limited, and the annual importation of from four to five million bags of flour was found necessary. In consequence of the sudden increase of supply fears are expressed by some people as to whether in the future the flour companies will be able to make so much profit as in the past.

According to an authority quoted by the *Tayo Keisai* the prevailing dulness of the flour market is chiefly due to the over-supply that exists, though it is usual that the demand for flour slackens during the winter months. It was believed that many of the new mills would commence work about June or July last year, and in view of this circumstance the merchants limited the quantity of flour to be imported. Contrary to expectation, however, the new mills could not commence operations until November or December. In the meantime the market became depleted and the price went up. Orders were therefore hurriedly sent across to the Pacific coast for arrival in August or September, but, as the result of the dislocation of the railway transport which existed at that time in America, the shipments only came in October and November. By that time some of the Japanese mills had begun work, and this, with the simultaneous arrivals of imported flour, brought about a congestion of the market. Notwithstanding the present depression of trade the economic journal holds that the future prospects are not so gloomy as is feared in some cases, and it is probable that with the advent of the warmer season the existing glut will be gradually lessened.

The capacity of the country in producing flour has, as already shown, been greatly increased by the establishment of the new mills. The daily output of the Masuda Seifun is estimated at 4,000 bags, that of the Nippon Seimai at 1,600 bags; Nippon Seifun at Hyogo, 1,800 bags; Asahi, 400 bags; Nippon, 5,000 bags; Teikoku, 2,000 bags; Nishin, 1,600 bags; To-a, 2,500 bags. It is computed that the annual production of these companies does not amount to less than 6,000,000 bags. Deducting from the latter 4,000,000 bags, which is the average annual quantity imported, the surplus will be in the neighbourhood of 2,000,000 bags. Not only is it estimated that this will effectually check the importation of flour, but it is thought probable that the surplus can be used in Japan and China by extending the market, always supposing, of course, that flour can be cheaply produced. It is, however, doubtful whether the Japanese flour-milling companies will be enabled to reap satisfactory profits in competition with American flour. The fact is, says the *Tokyo Journal*, that Japan is not yet in a position to produce wheat in sufficient quantity to satisfy the demand. The total yield of wheat in the country is estimated at 3,500,000 *koku*, of which half the quantity is absorbed in the manufacture of soy and miso. Consequently, of the 2,500,000 *koku* of wheat which is required for flour-milling purposes, about half the quantity has to be imported. Of course Japan can afford to increase the yield of wheat if a good price is assured, but this can scarcely be practicable for some years to come. For this reason, concludes the *Tokyo Kaishi*, if Japan wants to succeed in the flour trade in Korea and China in competition with American flour it is necessary that the Government should institute a system of drawbacks on wheat when it is exported as flour.—*Japan Chronicle*.

MIRACULOUS ESCAPE.

BABY'S 60-FOOT FALL.

"Papa, I fell down!"
Had Hoyt McKeezie, a sturdy little fellow 24 years old, desired to amplify the above statement yesterday afternoon he might have informed his badly frightened parent that his fall had carried him through sixty feet of space from the fourth floor of No. 243 Bank street, Newark, to the cement cellar, where his father found him.

Beyond a hyphen on the bridge of his pudgy little nose and a badly mused frown, Hoyt was little the worse for his long-distance plunge. Dr. Julius Levy and the physician from the City hospital, who came with the ambulance, made a minute inspection of the youngster's 28 bones and found them all in splendid working order. They tapped him here and there with their fingers and instruments until the boy refused to play, on the ground that they were tickling him.

"You better make a steep climb out of him," said Levy, after he had failed to get Hoyt on his visiting list.

The McKeezie family will sail for Ireland to-day on the *Columbia*, of the Anchor Line. Mr. and Mrs. McKeezie were busy packing trunks yesterday, and paid little attention to the baby when he climbed on the window sill to see the sun set for the last time in the peaceful Jersey town. A neighbour dropped in to say good-bye just as Hoyt went after the standing high jump record.

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THE REGISTER OF SHARES will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 25th inst., to MONDAY, the 1st June (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares will be Registered.

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Hongkong, 20th May, 1908.

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Hongkong, 11th July 1907.

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Hongkong, 8th May, 1908.

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Hongkong, 30th March, 1908.

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SEQUEL TO SPECULATION.

Early on the morning of Friday (8th instant) Kotani Seichi, a merchant at Kawaramachi, 4-chome, Osaka, murdered his mother, wife, and two children, and then attempted to commit suicide. The murderer is only 25 years of age, and is a native of Tottori prefecture, coming from a family fairly well-to-do. It appears that Kotani some time ago read of and was much interested in the remarkable success of Mr. Suzuki, of Tokyo, who had made a considerable fortune by speculation in shares, and resolved to follow his example. Despite the protests of his parents, Kotani proceeded to Osaka in October with ¥6,000. In February last he tried his fortune in speculation on shares and before long had lost ¥5,000. Disappointed at this, he took a house in Kawaramachi in March last and opened a pipe shop, but business did not pay as he wished and he became despondent. Business went from bad to worse, and at last the unfortunate man seems to have decided that the best thing for him and his family would be to leave this world, for he reasoned that if he committed suicide, as he had decided to do, his family would be left in a miserable plight. On Thursday he went to the horse races in connection with the Army festival and there he probably lost more money. At all events he returned home the worse for liquor, but went to bed almost immediately and was soon asleep. His sleeping apartment was an upper room which he occupied with his wife and a little girl baby, two years old, while his mother and a boy four years old slept in a room below. About 4 o'clock the man got up and took a small sword, which he kept for self-defence, and went down to the room where the mother and his little son were sleeping. There he stabbed the old woman to death. He then repaired to his own room and cut the throats of his wife and baby. Both died instantly. At this moment the boy who was sleeping below awoke and began to cry. Then the man rushed down and also cut the throat of this child, killing him at once. The man was about to kill himself, but hesitated. Finally, having carefully washed his bloodstained hands and clothes deliberately, he went to the police station and gave himself up.

AN EXCITING TIGER HUNT.

A Madras Mail correspondent writes:—The Nawab of Bagra returned here on the 22nd instant, after his usual shooting excursion. This year the party had fairly good luck. They bagged not only a tiger and a tigress measuring nine feet eleven and nine feet respectively, but had three leopards, six sambhurs, and several small deer. The tigress was much dreading in the vicinity and before being shot it wounded no less than three of the Nawab's elephants. The hunt and death of the tigress was not all the luck they had. They say fortune favours the fortunate, and two fine healthy tiger cubs have been brought in as captives and are affording much amusement to lookers-on. The news of the capture spread like wild-fire and people are pouring in from all quarters.

DEFINITION OF A NOVEL.

AFTER MUCH DISCUSSION QUESTION REMAINS UNSOLVED.

In the course of a trial in London the other day the important question was raised, What is a novel? The action was taken by a firm of publishers to recover damages for statements made to be defamatory; and it is to be gathered from the reports of the hearing that the plaintiffs objected to a circular, issued by the defendant, a rival firm, wherein it was claimed that a certain forthcoming "novel" by the sometime Reverend S. R. Crockett was not properly a novel at all.

Now, the plaintiffs were the publishers of this book, whatever it was, and they held it to be an injury to them to deny that the said book was a novel, even though the author himself was responsible for the denial. For it seems that Mr. Crockett had arranged to publish two books at about the same time, one through the plaintiff firm, the other through the defendant firm; when a controversy arose concerning the advisability of sending out mysterious pieces by wholesale Mr. Crockett, by way of teasing one firm, wrote to explain that the book in the other firm "was only a light collection of stories and not a full-dress novel." This unfortunate opinion, which was presently given to the world, is said to have put the publishers of the novel in a great deal of trouble and expense. For not only did they find it necessary to spend \$500 in advertising, though they had intended to spend only \$75, but they were obliged to send out 350 copies for review while they had hoped that fifty or sixty would suffice; moreover, in spite of all their efforts, the sales rose to less than 8,000 copies instead of the 16,000 they had counted upon.

Hence it is clear that there is great danger in denying the claim of a book which pretends to the title of novel. But as to what a novel is we are left in some doubt. The learned Judge said that so far as he could make out "a novel must have 150,000 words and something about 1-1/2 itims, for a passage from Steele quoted in the Century Dictionary shows that formerly at least a novel was something short. According to the New English Dictionary, the highest authority of its kind, we find this definition: "A fictitious prose narrative or tale of considerable length (now usually one long enough to fill one or more volumes), in which characters and actions representative of the real life of past or present times are portrayed in a plot of more or less complexity."

Even that is unsatisfactory, for we see many books in which neither characters nor actions resemble anything either in the past or the present, and yet they are all known to the reader by the name of novels. As to the Century Dictionary's allegation that "the present novel"

the world "novel" means "lit. a new tale—e. one not told before." It is obviously absurd. As far as Mr. Crockett goes, it might be supposed that he was a pretty good judge of his own book, and that he was right in describing it as "only a light collection of short stories." But that is not so certain. When his publisher was asked about it he said: "It's moderately good; I cannot say it's light." If he meant "I can't say it's light," we are willing to believe him. And yet it might easily be a novel for all that. Hence the question remains unsolved. What is a novel?—New York Sun.

Intimations.

BANK HOLIDAY.

IN accordance with Government Notification No. 359 the EXCHANGE BANKS will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business on MONDAY, the 25th inst., being the day appointed to celebrate VICT R. D. V.

Hongkong, 20th May, 1908. [570]

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Hongkong, 28th April, 1908. [57]

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Hongkong, 1st September, 1907. [64]

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Hongkong, 20th July, 1907. [66]

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Hongkong, 14th April, 1908. [68]

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Hongkong, 8th May, 1908. [53]

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Hongkong, 19th March, 1908. [48]

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ALSO

One Large Clock by John Noble, One Gramophone and Records, One Full-sized English Billiard Table by John Roberts with Accessories complete, One Iron Safe by Melinks, One Lo of Books, A large quantity of Wines and Spirits, Stores, &c., &c.

On View from FRIDAY, the 22nd instant.

Catalogues will be issued.

TERMS:—As usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH,

Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 21st May, 1908. [517]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions

from Messrs. PUNCHARD LOWTHER

& Co., to sell by

PUBLIC AUCTION,

FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED,

On an early date in June, at H.M.'s Naval

Yard Extension,

A LARGE QUANTITY OF

SURPLUS STORES, MATERIAL, PLANT

ROD IRON, &c.

Catalogues and further particulars will be

issued.

On View from This Date.

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Hongkong, 20th May, 1908. [521]

Consignees.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND

SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship

"ARRATOON APCAR,"

having arrived from the above Ports, Con-

signees of Cargo are hereby informed that their

Goods will be delivered from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the vessel

will be landed at once, at Consignees' risk and

expense.

Cargo remaining on board after 4 P.M. of the

20th inst., will be landed at Consignees' risk and

expense.

Consignees of Cargo from SINGAPORE

are requested to take IMMEDIATE DE-

LIVERY of their Goods from alongside,

such Cargo impeding the discharge of the vessel

will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and

expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the

Undersigned.

DAVID SASSOON & Co., LIMITED,

Agents.

Hongkong, 18th May, 1908. [512]

THE "SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS.

LIMITED.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM MIDLESBOROUGH, LONDON

AND STRAITS.

THE Steamship

"CARDIGANSHIRE,"

Captain Tyers, having arrived from the above

Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby in-

formed that their Goods are being landed a-

their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong

and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company,

Limited, Kowloon, and stored at Consignees' risk and

expense.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods

have left the Godowns, and all Goods remain-

ing undelivered after the 25th inst. will be subject

to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to

be left in the Godowns, where they will be

examined on MONDAY, 25th inst., at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, 18th May, 1908. [514]

"MOGUL" LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP "BRAEMAR,"

FROM GLASGOW, LIVERPOOL AND

STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed

that all Goods are being landed at their

risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and

Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, at

Kowloon, whence and/or from the wharves

delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods

have left the Godowns, and all Goods remain-

ing undelivered after the 23rd instant will be

subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be pre-

sented to the Undersigned on or before the

20th prox., or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are

to be left in the Godowns, where they will be

examined on the 23rd instant, at 10 A.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the

Undersigned.

DAVID SASSOON & Co., LIMITED,

Agents.

Hongkong, 18th May, 1908. [516]

Consignees.

FROM EUROPE.

THE H. A. L. Steamship

"ANDALUSIA,"

Captain Block, having arrived, Consignees

of Cargo are hereby requested to send

in their Bills of Lading for countersignature

by the Undersigned and to take immediate

Intimations

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A Blend of the Finest Pure Malt Whiskies distilled in Scotland

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FLAVOUR.

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D. SHERRY

SUPERIOR PALE DRY.

Per Dozen - - - \$19.50

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Hongkong, 7th April, 1908

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The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, MAY 21, 1908

FOREIGN CAPITAL IN JAPAN.

A translation of an article from a Japanese vernacular journal of a criticism of the Japanese Foreign Office, which appears in the *Japan Chronicle*, remarks that that Office is perhaps the most abused of the Japanese public offices. "Classiness of diplomacy" is the usual and most convenient weapon with which Japanese publicists are wont to attack the Government. In fact, the Japanese seem to regard the Foreign Office as a sort of universal panacea, which, if properly administered, would cure any international illness. The *Hochi* now takes the Foreign Office to task for the difficulty experienced in the introduction of foreign capital. With the continual stream of excess of imports over exports and the steady exodus of specie from the country, remarks the Tokyo journal, the importation of foreign funds has become a necessary evil. All the banks have their rates of interest, and that would have been the case if the circumstances of the country were not so abnormal. (An introduction of foreign money has almost entirely stopped. Even the South Manchurian Railway loan has ended in failure. The business scope of this influential company covers an extensive and promising field not only in railway but also in mining and maritime transportation. It is conceivable that the South Manchurian Railway Company is prepared to offer terms sufficiently attractive to the foreign investor. Nonetheless the latter wavers. The loan has failed in Paris, and the negotiations at present in progress at Tokyo with the Central Syndicate do not seem to offer better prospects. This prevailing reluctance displayed by the foreign capitalist to advance loans to Japanese enterprises may be traced to various causes, continues the *Hochi*. Amongst these may be included the doubt entertained by foreigners towards the security of the Japanese convertible note system; the reckless and changeable financial policy of the Government, as well as the different treatment accorded foreign capitalists. Above all these, however, must be mentioned the clumsiness of Japan's diplomacy, which is responsible for so much misunderstanding in Europe and America regarding the country's true intentions of the state of affairs that prevails. In addition to her properly accredited diplomats, Japan now has financial agents stationed in some countries, the duties of these gentlemen being an explanation to the foreign public of the real financial standing of Japan. Despite the supposed efforts of these officials there has been raised a persistent cry against Japan's objections to the construction of the Hsinmintun-Fakumen Railway, and Japan's action has been misconstrued or distorted in various ways very damaging to her reputation and interests. The Japanese representatives abroad do not seem to have taken sufficient pains to effectually combat the forces at work against Japan. The Tokyo journal concludes by remarking that with a more active and intelligent staff of diplomats, under the direction of an office conducted on more businesslike lines, Japan would not have fared so badly with the foreign investor as she has done to day. The *Hochi* must surely regard foreign capitalists as rather innocent and confiding persons if they relied solely on official statements before determining to invest in Japan.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE *Yushin* reports that the Kawasaki Dockyard Company puts the cost of the repairs to the hull of the *Tatsu Maru* at no more than Y10,000.35.

THIS morning, a Chinese woman, who resides in Queen Victoria Street, was sent to the Lunatic Asylum, by Inspector Warlock. The woman, who was about 31 years of age, was seen yesterday turning about MacDonnell Road in a nude condition.

A GROUP of capitalists has undertaken to construct an airport after the designs of M. W. Taitainoff Leher, the Russian inventor, who has discovered a new principle of balance in flying machines. Work on the airport, which will possess remarkable speed and weight-carrying capacity, has already been begun. It is being built in St. Petersburg.

WHILE riding her bicycle at a rapid pace on the Tai-kok-tui railway track last evening, a certain European young lady coming suddenly upon a small child attempted to avoid an accident. In doing so, however, her wheel skidded and struck some hard substance, precipitating her to the ground. She received numerous slight abrasions besides ruining her dress. The child was uninjured.

ON the 13th inst., the Kawasaki Dockyard Company gave a dinner to representatives of the Japanese and foreign papers at Kobe at the Tokiwa Kadan, Higo, the hosts being represented by Mr. Matsugata Goro a brother of Mr. Matsugata Kojiro, Mr. Kadota Kiyomi, and others of the Company's officials. Geisha dances and other performances were provided, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

LADY Tierney, of 20 Chapel Street, Belgrave square, S.W., widow of Sir Matthew Edward Tierney, who died on February 12, aged 91 years, left the following provision in her will for the care of her pet dog: "As I am anxious for my loving and dearly loved fox terrier Maisie should have every comfort and attention, I bequeath an annuity of \$6 a year to her, to be paid for her to Sarah Fone (Lady Tierney's maid), so that in case of my darling Maisie's illness Fone can take her to London to see Mr. Courtenay, the only doctor that must attend my sweet pet. I also desire that she is only washed with her shampoo." Lady Tierney, who left estate of the gross value of \$1,509,140, made also liberal family bequests, and remembered her old servants.

At the Police Court, this morning, a Chinaman named Au Shek, 31 years of age, residing at 80, Station Street, Mongkok, was charged before Mr. J. H. Kemp, with attempting to commit suicide. It was stated in evidence that the accused was heavily in debt, and being pressed for money, his mind, apparently, became deranged, for he attempted suicide by cutting his throat with a knife. He succeeded in inflicting a serious, but not dangerous, wound in his throat. At this point he was restrained by the police, and taken to the hospital. The doctor reported the matter to the police, and placed Au Shek under arrest. The magistrate, in passing sentence, ordered him to be kept in custody for a period of three months, and to be released on good behavior for the remainder of the year.

Pirates in Macao.

RAID RESISTED.

DETECTIVE, SAVAGELY ASSAULTED AND INDIAN POLICEMEN WOUNDED.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

Macao, 21st May. The accustomed tranquillity of Macao was rudely shaken yesterday by the report of a, to this quiet little place, sensation which has since formed the only subject of conversation in the city.

The island dependencies of Macao—Taipa and Coloane—from time immemorial, have been known to be the haunts of sea-robbers and highwaymen who find in their comparative safe refuges in the guise of innocent fishermen. In spite of the close watch placed by Government over Coloane, the more notoriously frequented spot of the island dependencies, evidence has not always been forthcoming to warrant the Police effecting the arrests of suspects. But on Tuesday the unusually well-informed detective bureau of the Macao police—Chinese section—received intelligence that a gang of robbers was harbouring in a Chinese house in Coloane. Assured of the correctness of their information a small body of men was organized to make a raid of the sea-robbers' den. The police were represented by a Chinese detective and four Indian sepoys, accompanying them were two officials attaching to the department for Chinese at Macao, viz., the Procurator and the chief interpreter, Mr. C. A. R. d'Assumpção.

Apparently, the Police miscalculated the strength of the pirate band at Coloane, for when the raid was made, the desperadoes, who were all armed, offered stubborn resistance. They probably anticipated arrest, for no sooner did the police arrival become known than a regular fusillade of revolver bullets came hissing through the air. The Chinese detective, nothing daunted, stuck to his hazardous mission and was valiantly seconded by the sepoys. Sad to relate, the robbers fired with deadly marksmanship, and one of their bullets hit the Chinese detective, whom they undoubtedly recognised as the guide in the raiding party, placing him hors de combat. Then with their swords the pirates attacked the policemen savagely and in the mêlée cut off his arm, so it is reported, and made away with a bangle which he was wearing at the time. I have not been able to obtain official corroboration of these details; but they are related with a great degree of credence. Of the four sepoys two are wounded, one mortally; the bullet penetrated the abdomen. The man was removed to the hospital for treatment where he lies in a precarious condition. The other Indian was shot through the arm. The wound is not likely to prove fatal. The Procurator and Mr. d'Assumpção had both narrow escapes. The raid proved fruitless of results and the pirates succeeded in making good their escape.

Not much can be gathered in official circles regarding the adventures of the raiding party but from the fact that the assault on the part of the freebooters was of such a brutal and desperate character, resulting as it did in the death of a gallant Chinese detective and the wounding of two Indians, it can safely be concluded that the raid must have been a sensational one. The regret is that not one of the robbers was captured, but as these men are known for their daring enterprises it cannot be long before they are gathered into the meshes of the law.

The small police force stationed at Coloane has since been strengthened by more men. This looks like closing the stable doors after the horse is gone. The police authorities might have taken the precaution of sending a stronger party and adequately armed to carry out the raid. The desperate character of the transient population of Coloane should have been a sufficient warning to the police in refusing to accept any risks in undertaking the raid on the pirates' lair.

JAPANESE PAPERS AND FOREIGN FIRMS.

ALLEGED FAILURES AT SHANGHAI AND HONGKONG.

A Tokio message to the *Asahi* reports that certain Banks at Yokohama have received telegrams stating that some German firms at Hongkong, Shanghai and Tientsin have failed. The failures are said to be attributed to the dullness of trade in China and the excessive enterprise of the German firms.

In the course of a forcible leading article on the publication by Japanese papers of rumours concerning the financial position of foreign firms, the *Japan Herald* writes as follows: "In some cases where these rumours have been circulated we believe details have been sent to the papers responsible for publication, but not only have the details not been published, but no notice whatever has been taken of the communications. This, it need hardly be said, is contrary to all journalistic etiquette, and the journals responsible for such procedure are unworthy of the responsibility placed upon them as public organs. As we have before stated, we strongly condemn any official action attempting to restrict the expression of opinion in the Press, but in view of the attitude in certain quarters to suppress and suspend journals for the publication of Socialist opinions, which after all have very little effect on the public welfare at present, we may well ask whether official action would not be justified in cases where considerable harm may result to foreign and Japanese commercial circles by the dissemination of false news."

In this connection we think that it is only right to say that two well-known Japanese newspapers, published in Tokyo, locally, the *Osaka Asahi* and the *Kobe Shimbun*, have shown an honorable reluctance in regard to the publication of such rumours. In fact, the *Osaka Asahi* has published a leading article in which it has stated that it has refused to publish such rumours, and that it has taken the precaution of making inquiries before publishing anything of the kind.

A. S. WATSON AND CO. LIMITED.

ANNUAL REPORT.

The report of the general managers for the year ending 31st December, 1907, for presentation to the shareholders at the twenty-third annual ordinary general meeting of the company (since its registration) to be held at the offices of the company in Alexandra Buildings on Saturday, the 31st inst., at noon, reads:—

Gentlemen.—We beg to lay before you a statement of the company's business, with a balance sheet for the year ending the 31st December, 1907.

The net profits of the company for the twelve months under review, after paying all charges, including the salary of the general managers, providing for all bad and doubtful debts, and allowing for loss on subsidiary coins, amount to \$81,532.12. To which has to be added the balance brought forward from the previous year, \$5,482.67, making a total of \$87,014.79.

From this there has to be deducted—General managers' commission of 5 per cent. on the net profits for the year as per article 80 of the company's articles of association, \$4,076.60. Remuneration of the Consulting Committee as per Article 93, \$2,500.00. Making a total of \$6,576.60.

Leaving available for appropriation, \$80,438.19.

We paid an interim dividend of 3 per cent. in November last amounting to \$27,000.00.

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Hongkong, 10th May, 1908.

BALANCE SHEET, 31ST DECEMBER, 1907.

Liabilities.
Capital account, \$900,000.00.
Permanent reserve fund, \$20,000.00.
Reserve fund for meeting contingencies or for the equalization of dividends, \$25,000.00.
Total, \$945,000.00.

Local and general liabilities in the East and in America, \$170,064.02.
Local and general liabilities in London, \$1,588.48.
Total, \$171,652.50.

Mortgage on section E of Inland Lot No. 19 and the buildings thereon, \$48,000.00.

Mortgage on Marine Lot No. 20 and the buildings thereon, \$125,000.00.

Mortgage on remaining portion of Kowloon Inland Lot No. 550 and the buildings thereon, \$25,000.00.

Advance against San Jacinto Property, Manila, \$29,600.00.

Bills payable Hongkong and Manila, \$14,150.00.

Unclaimed dividends, \$12.58.

Security deposits from staff, \$18,500.00.

Prepaid and other, \$1,000.00.

Forward from 1906, \$1,482.67.

Net balance 1907, \$1,532.12.

Less: Interim dividend of 30 cents per share paid in November, 1907, \$27,000.00.

Less amount unclaimed at 31st December, 1907, \$9,567.88.

Total, \$1,495,000.00.

Assets.

Total stocks in trade, \$1,234,842.92.

Building improvements, furniture, fittings, and trade utensils at Hongkong, Manila, Canton, Amoy, Shanghai and Hankow, \$1,000,000.00.

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HONGKONG TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

PERKING-HANKOW RAILWAY.

PROPOSED BRANCH LINE TO SHANGHAI.

[By courtesy of the "Shuang Po"]

Peking, 20th May.

The administration of the Peking-Hankow Railway decided, on the 19th inst., to build a branch line to Shanghai.

INLAND WATERS.

FOREIGN WARSHIPS' CRUISE.

[By courtesy of the "Shuang Po"]

Peking, 20th May.

The Foreign Ministers in Peking have agreed that the war vessels of their respective Governments will not cruise in inland waters of China not opened by Treaty.

THE NEW EDUCATION BILL.

LONDON, 19th May.

The Irish Nationalists have decided to oppose the second reading of the Education Bill.

REVIEW OF TROOPS AT ALDERSHOT.

The King and Queen reviewed 30,000 at Aldershot.

A feature of the review was the success of traction engines replacing artillery horses.

THE BRITISH ARMY.

Lord Roberts, Lord Middleton and Lord Grenfell have renewed the attack on the Territorial Army scheme, pointing out that it is ridiculous to expect a respite of six months for training before the force is wanted in the field.

Col. Lucas says that the Army Council never underrated the difficulties of the scheme, but there was evidence with the Minister for War that the training would be made thoroughly efficient.

Lord Tweedmouth says that it appeared that a fair trial of the Territorial Army would not be denied.

The scheme was largely a gamble, but he would lay odds on its success.

Later.

THE QUEBEC TERCENTENARY.

France has decided on an official participation in the Quebec tercentenary.

THE MACEDONIAN QUESTION.

Mr. Ashley asked the House of Commons concerning the progress of the Russian negotiations re Macedonia.

Sir Edward Grey, in reply, stated various points were still under discussion and that he was unable to add any further information.

CANTON DAY BY DAY.

PROMOTING NATIVE INDUSTRIES.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

Canton, 20th May.

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